

P.G. #86A-13

(1911)

Myers Cemetery/Site of St. Mary's Methodist Church
South side of Croom Airport Rd., Croom Md.
Priv/Unocc/Cemetery/Site

St. Mary's Church no longer stands, having burned to the ground in the 1960's. It was a three-bay, gable-roofed frame building with entrance into the north gable end; this gable end above the eaves was decorated with patterned shingles and a diamond-shaped loft-level window. A small cemetery remains in use around the borders of the church lot.

In 1900, five Black trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church purchased an acre of land on the north edge of Croome, and for several years services were held in a small log structure until the frame church was constructed in 1911. St. Mary's Church was closely associated with Brooks Methodist Church near Nottingham; the same minister served both churches. In the late 1960's, St. Mary's Church burned to the ground, and its congregation joined Brooks Church, which at approximately that time came to be known as Myers Church, in honor of Rev. Frederick Myers, former minister to both churches. The cemetery which remains at the site of St. Mary's thus became the property of Myers Church, which continues to use and maintain it.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Myers Cemetery and site of St. Mary's Methodist Episcopal Church

and/or common

2. Location

street & number South side of Croom Airport Rd., second lot
east of Rte. #382 ☐ not for publication

city, town Upper Marlboro ☐ vicinity of / Croom congressional district 4

state Maryland county P. G.

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: Cemetery

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Myers United Methodist Church

street & number Brooks Church Road telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. P. G. Co. Courthouse liber 9

street & number Main Street folio 288

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Prince George's Co. Inventory of Historic Sites

date 1974 ☐ federal ☐ state ☒ county ☐ local

depository for survey records History Division M-NCPPC

city, town Riverdale state Maryland

7. Description

Survey No. P.G. #86A-13

Condition

☐ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☒ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

☐ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The church building no longer stands, having burned to the ground in the late 1960's. It was a small gable-roofed frame building with entrance through the north gable end. The three-bay facades had 2/2 windows with pointed arches, and there was a pointed arch window on each side of the door in the gable end. This gable end (above the eaves) was decorated with patterned shingles and a diamond-shaped loft-level window.

A small cemetery remains around the outside borders of the church lot, many of the graves unmarked.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

St. Mary's Church-Cemetery

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Croom Airport Road, near Rte. 382

CITY, TOWN

Croom

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

VICINITY OF

COUNTY

Prince George's

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☐ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☒ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☐ OCCUPIED
☒ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES RESTRICTED
☒ YES UNRESTRICTED
☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☒ TRANSPORTATION
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

(cemetery)

NAME

Lucy Warner?

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Prince George's County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Liber #:

Folio #:

CITY, TOWN

Upper Marlboro

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
 SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☒ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☐ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The church here is no longer standing, although it was here as late as 1966. It was a small, frame country church, built in 1911-12. It had a steep A-roof, with the entrance in the south gabled facade. The central door was flanked by two, tall, 2/2 windows with pointed arches. The gable-end was covered with patterned shingles, and had a four-pane, diamond-shaped, attic window. (Photo of church in Methodist Bicentennial book.)

The church cemetery lies across the road, to the south.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This was one of the most sophisticated Negro churches in the County. The congregation began their meetings here in 1905, using an old log building that stood on the church site.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

- 1) AMERICAN METHODIST BICENTENNIAL, 1766-1966, booklet published by Balto. Conference Methodist Historical Society, 1966, p. 111.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian.

ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

9/17/74

STREET & NUMBER

8787 Georgia Ave.

TELEPHONE

589-1480

CITY OR TOWN

Silver Spring

STATE

Maryland

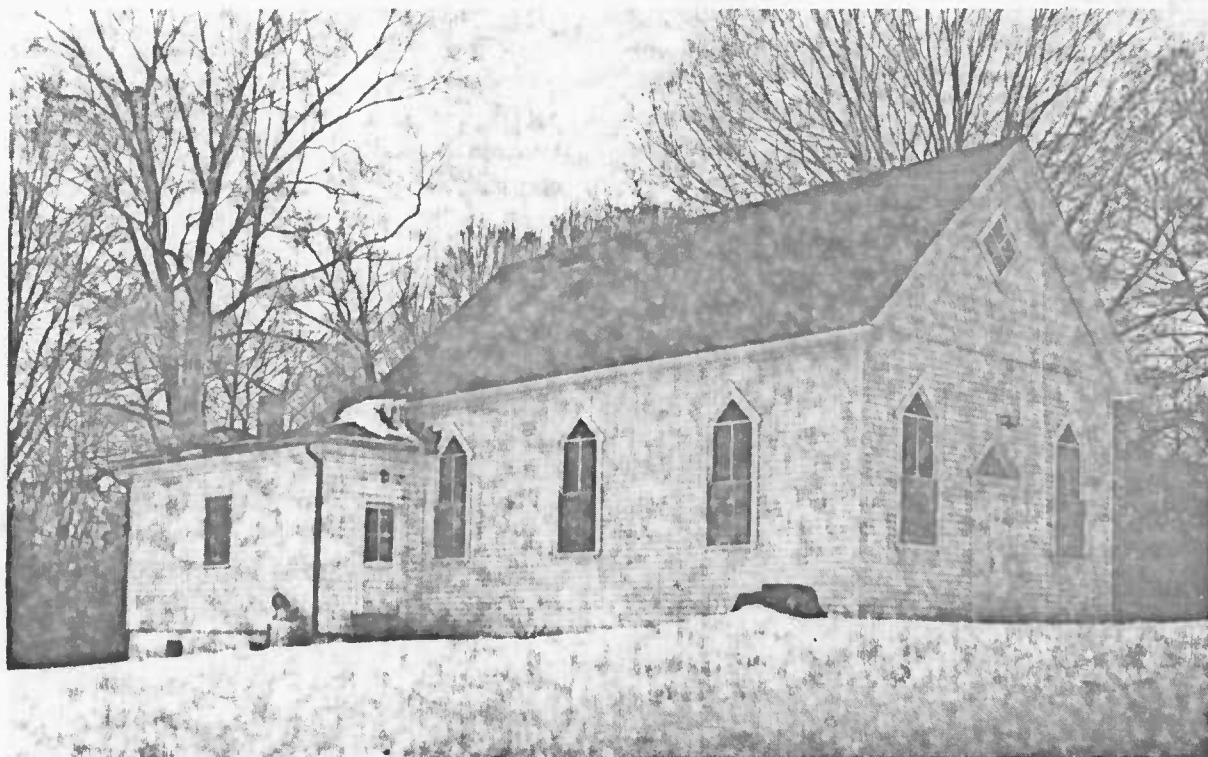
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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

ST. MARY'S METHODIST CHURCH

N. M. GOOLSBY, MINISTER



ST. MARY'S METHODIST CHURCH
Croom, Maryland

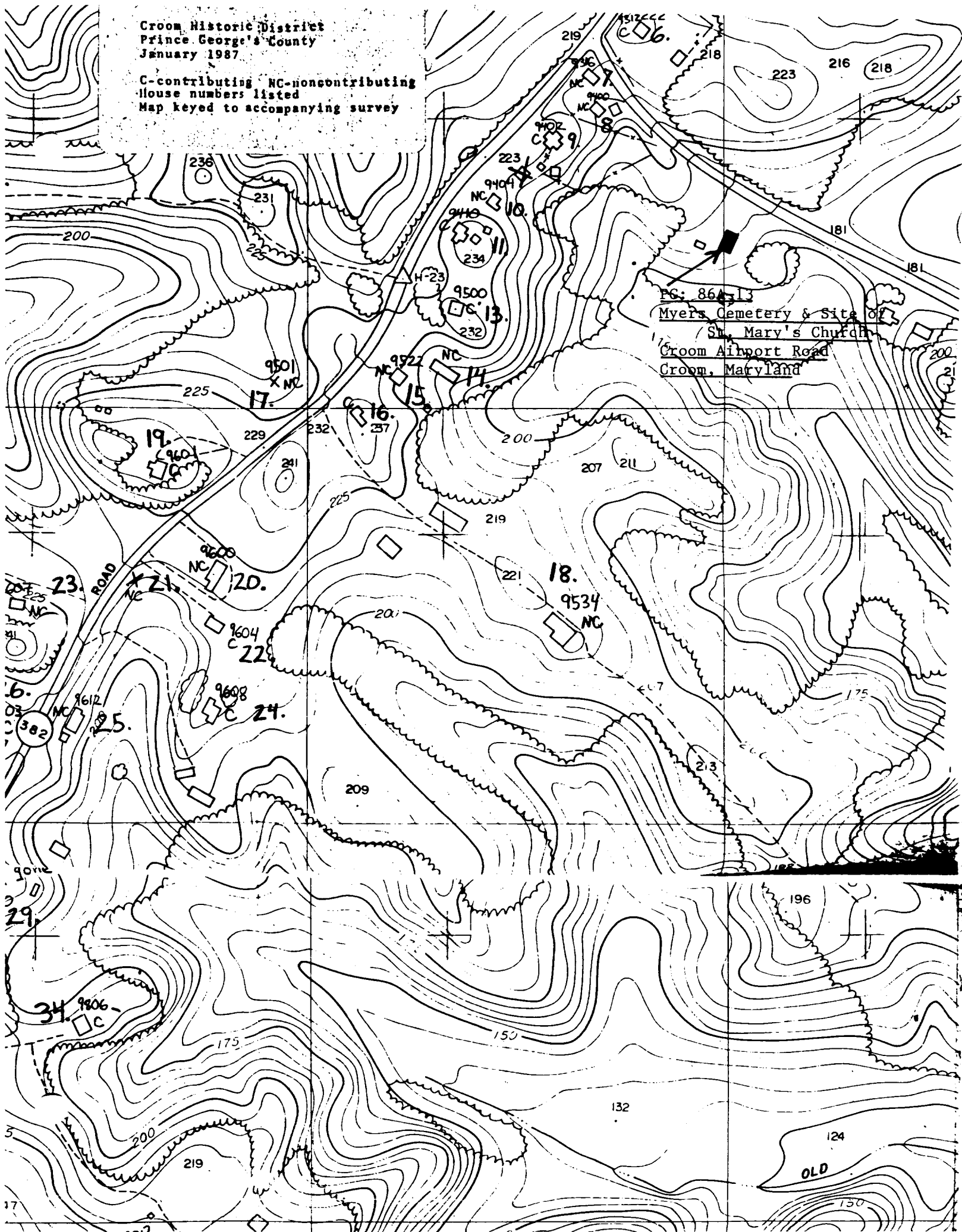
In the early nineteen hundreds, Sister Jane Johnson, a lady sent by God, loved by everyone because of her Christian character and ordained by God, was given the vision of a great project and had the strength and determination to carry it through. Back in those days when the Negroes had practically no schooling, few schools and no real churches, she came forth to battle for them. She realized that the spiritual needs of all human beings must be the foundation of true success and happiness.

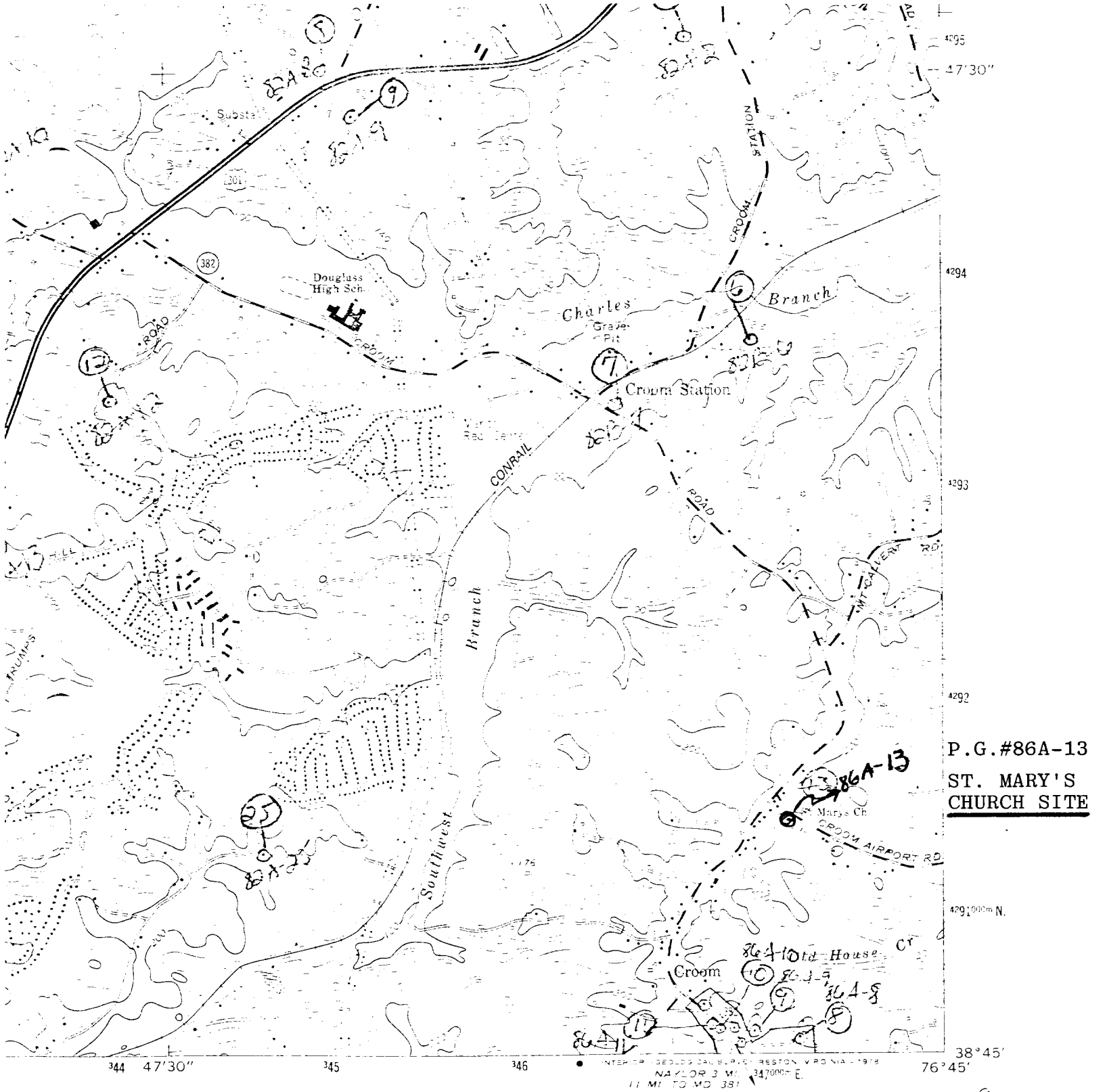
In 1905, the group began meeting in an old log building on the present site of the church. With the appointment of Reverend T. B. Snowden to the Nottingham and Croom Charge in 1911 and 1912, the present church was erected alongside the old log building. The members struggled with Reverend Snowden and Sister Johnson to lighten the load.

Ministers serving from 1905 to the present date are: Rev. D. L. Washington, April, 1905 to 1906; Rev. James H. Jenkins, April, 1907 to 1908; Rev. Virgil Carter, March, 1909 thru 1910; Rev. Thomas B. Snowden, March, 1911 thru 1912; Rev. A. Angold Brown, March, 1913; Rev. C. C. Nelson, March, 1914, thru 1920; Rev. E. M. Dent, March, 1921, thru 1922; Rev. J. E. Carter, March, 1923, thru 1925; Rev. P. R. Vauls, March, 1926, to January 1927; Rev. C. A. Brady, January, 1927, to March (2 months); Rev. B. P. Jordon, March, 1927; Rev. S. A. Virgil, March, 1928 (6 months); Rev. B. F. Hall, September, 1928 (3 months); Rev. A. Graham, 1929; Rev. Eugene Williams, March, 1929, to March, 1930; Rev. F. D. Myers, March, 1930 thru May, 1955 (24 years); Rev. Lawrence B. Smith, May, 1955 to 1957; Rev. N. M. Goolsby, May, 1957 to present.

Croom Historic District
Prince George's County
January 1987

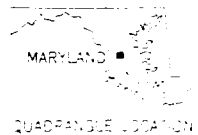
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House numbers listed
Map keyed to accompanying survey





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ST. MARY'S
CHURCH SITE

1 MILE
7000 FEET
KILOMETER



QUADRANGLE LOCATION

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

Heavy-duty	—————	Light-duty	-----
Medium-duty	- - - - -	Unimproved dirt
○ Interstate Route	○ U. S. Route	○ State Route	

UPPER MARLBORO, MD.

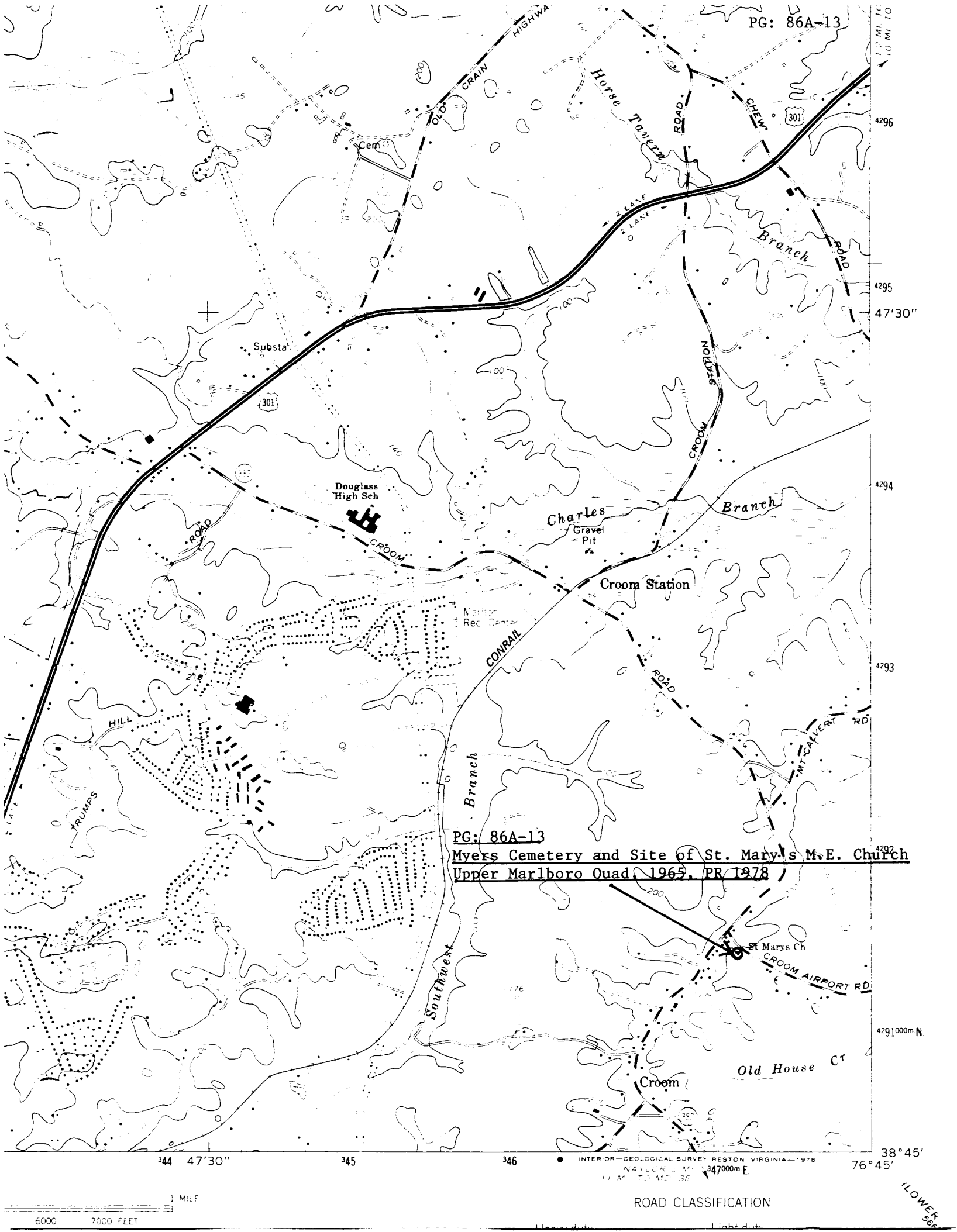
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REQUES

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Myers Cemetery and Site of St. Mary's M.E. Church
Upper Marlboro Quad, 1965, PR 1978

● INTERIOR-GEOLOGICAL SURVEY RESTON, VIRGINIA-1978
NAD 83 347000m E
11 M TO MD 35

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

(LOWER 56)



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Myers-St. Mary's Cemetery
Prince George's County, Md.
Susan G. Pearl
March 1983
View to west
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, Md.